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The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Letter dated 5 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia recorded for the months of December 2011 and January 2012 (see annex). As a result of those violations, two servicemen of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan and one civilian were wounded. According to the annexed information, during the reporting period, the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia continued intensive fire on both military and civilian targets in Azerbaijan from their positions in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and from the territory of Armenia.

The period was also marked by hostile statements by the high-ranking officials of Armenia. Among others, the statements of the President of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the creation of the armed forces of Armenia on 22 January 2012 (available from www.president.am/events/statements/eng/?id=121) and at the ninth Convention of the Volunteer Homeland Defenders Union on 18 February 2012 (available from www.president.am/events/statements/eng/?id=122) represent yet more cynical examples of blatant misinterpretation and distortion of the root causes, course and consequences of the war unleashed by Armenia against Azerbaijan.

In reality, by glorifying his armed forces, which would be an object of shame and contempt in any civilized society, as well as eulogizing a handful of desperadoes who are responsible for atrocious crimes committed against Azerbaijani

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civilians during the war, the President of Armenia makes it absolutely clear what, in his view, "the Armenian brand" and "the Armenian system of values" mean.

While Armenia's propaganda is tirelessly criticizing Azerbaijan for alleged military budget increase and warmongering, the President of Armenia makes public statements providing valuable evidence of his country's disproportionate militarization. During his visit to NATO Headquarters in 2010, Serzh Sargsyan stated that "[t]he Armenian army has types of ammunition that countries ten times the size of Armenia would dream of having" (see press point with the NATO Secretary General and the President of Armenia, www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/opinions_63920.htm). In his above-mentioned statement on 22 January 2012, the President of Armenia said that "at the beginning we were counting arms and even bullets, while today we have an impressive level of weaponry".

Furthermore, Armenia continues building up its military presence in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. Mass media outlets have recently reported about the use by the armed forces of Armenia of unmanned spy aircraft in those territories. It is known that such an aircraft was demonstrated publicly for the first time at a military parade in Armenia on 21 September 2011.

All the above-mentioned confirms that Armenia's policy of aggression, hatred and falsification continues to challenge the ongoing efforts towards a negotiated settlement of the conflict and to pose a serious threat to regional and international peace, security and stability.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35, 39 and 67, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 5 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violation of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia* for the months of December 2011 and January 2012

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Used weapons*	*Casualties and damages*
1.	1 December	14.50-15.00	Unknown heights, Berd district, Armenia	Kohanabi village, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
2.		16.15-16.25				
3.		17.15-17.30	Occupied area, unknown heights, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
4.		Fire was opened around 19.00 and continued till the next morning	Occupied area near Talish village, Tartar village, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	The area of local cemetery was subjected to massive fire
5.	2 December	Morning hours	Occupied area near Talish village, Tartar village, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
6.		20.20-20.40	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
7.	3 December	03.30-03.50	Occupied area near Marzili village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
8.		03.40-03.50	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

* Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under the occupation by the Republic of Armenia or situated close to fire point areas.

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Used weapons*	*Casualties and damages*
9.		—	Occupied area, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm	Soldier of the armed forces of Azerbaijan, Rashad Mammadov, was wounded
10.	7 December	—	Occupied area near Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm	Soldier of the armed forces of Azerbaijan, Vahid Huseynli, was wounded
11.	8 December	At different time	Unknown heights, Berd district, Armenia	Adjacent area near Garalar village, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
12.		At different time	Occupied unknown heights, Fizuli and Khojavand districts and occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
13.	9-10 December	At different time	Unknown heights, Berd district, Armenia	Adjacent area near Gosha village, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
14.		At different time	Occupied areas near Garagashli and Bash Garvand villages, Agdam district, Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Goyarkh village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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15.	12 December	At different time	Occupied areas near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, and Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
16.	13 December	At different time	Paravakar village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Kohna Gishlaq village, Agstafa district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
17.		At different time	Occupied unknown heights, Goranboy district, and occupied area near Javahirli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
18.	14 December	At different time	Occupied areas near Talish village, Tartar district, Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Shihlar village, Agdam district, and unknown heights in the occupied Fizuli district, Azerbaijan			
19.	15 December	13.30-13.45	Aygovit village, Aygovit district, Armenia	Balajafarli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
20.		18.00-18.30	Occupied area near Goyarkh village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
21.		23.00-23.05	Occupied area near Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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22.	16 December	10.45-10.50 11.05-11.10	Occupied area near Garagashli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
23.	17 December	00.10-00.30 01.40-01.50	Occupied area near Gorhan and Garakhanbeyli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
24.	18 December	14.35-14.45	Occupied area near Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
25.	20 December	00.05-00.15	Occupied area, unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
26.		10.40-12.10 20.50-20.55	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
27.	21 December	At different time	Occupied area near Shihlar village, Agdam district, and Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
28.		At different time	Occupied areas near Bash Garvand village, Agdam district	Adjacent area	Firearm	A resident of Orta Gervand village of the Agdam district of Azerbaijan, Elmira Hasanova, was wounded
29.	22 December	At different time	Noyanberyan district, Armenia, occupied areas near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Marzili village, Agdam district, and unknown heights in the occupied Khojavand and Tartar districts, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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30.	23 December	At different time	Occupied areas near Javahirli village, Agdam district, and unknown heights in the Goranboy and Fizuli districts, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
31.	25-26 December	At different time	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli and Ashag. Abdulrahmanli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
32.	26-27 December	At different time	Occupied areas near Bash Garvand village, Agdam district, and Gorgan village, Fizuli district, and unknown heights of the Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
33.	28 December	01.10-01.20	Occupied area near Goradiz town, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
34.		At different time	Berkaber village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Adjacent area near Gizilhajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
35.		At different time	Occupied areas near Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, and Kuropatkino, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
36.	29 December	22.45-22.50 23.00-23.15	Occupied areas near Bash Garvand and Shihlar villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
37.	4 January	At different time	Occupied unknown heights, Goranboy and Khojavand districts, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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38.	6 January	At different time	Occupied unknown heights near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, and Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
39.			Occupied area near Marzili and Bash Garvand villages, Aghdam district, and Chilyabert village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
40.	7 January	At different time	Occupied area near Marzili and Bash Garvand villages, Agdam district, and Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
41.	8-9 January	At different time	Occupied unknown heights, Fizuli and Khojavand districts, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
42.		At different time	Occupied area near Yusifjanli village, Agdam district and Namirli and Chilyaburt villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
43.	9-10 January	At different time	Mososkerkh village, Berd district, and Voskepan village, Noyemberyan district, Armenia	Adjacent areas near Alibeyli village, Tovuz district, and Gushchuayrim village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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44.		At different time	Occupied area near Yusifjanli village, Agdam district and Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
45.	10-11 January	At different time	Mososkerkh village, Berd district, and Voskepan village, Noyemberyan district, Armenia	Adjacent areas near Alibeyli village, Tovuz district, and Gushchuayrim village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
46.		At different time	Occupied area near Ashaghi Abdulrahmanli village, Fizuli district, Chayli, Goyarkn and Chilyaburt villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
47.	11 January	At different time	Occupied area near Namirli and Goyarkh villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
48.	12 January	At different time	Occupied unknown heights, Fizuli district and the area near Giziloba and Yarimja villages, Tartar district, and Bash Garvand village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
49.	13 January	At different time	Occupied area near Chayli and Yarimja villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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50.	15-16 January	At different time	Occupied areas near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Shurabad village, Aghdam district, Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, and unknown heights near Ashagi Seyidahamdli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
51.	16-17 January	At different time	The area near Berkaber village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Adjacent area near Gizilhajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
52.		At different time	Occupied area near Namirli village, Tartar district, Yusifjanli and Merzili villages, Agdam district, Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Gorgan and Goradiz villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
53.	17 January	At different time	The area near Berkaber village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Adjacent area near Gizilhajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
54.	18 January	At different time	Occupied area near Chilyabert village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
55.	19 January	At different time	Occupied areas near Javahirli and Shihlar villages, Agdam district, Namirli village, Tartar district, Ashaghi Abdulrahmanli and Gorgan villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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56.	20-21 January	At different time	The area near Vozashen village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
57.		At different time	Occupied area near Kengerli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
58.	22 January	At different time	Occupied areas near Javahirli and Bash Garvand villages, Agdam district, Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Goradiz and Gorgan villages, Fizuli district, Meshdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
59.		At different time	Unknown heights, Berd district, Armenia	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
60.	23-24 January	At different time	The area near Berbaker village, Ijevan district, Armenia	The area near Gizilhajili village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
61.		At different time	Occupied area near Shihlar and Bash Garvand villages, Agdam district, and Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
62.	24 January	20.30-20.45 23.30-23.35	Occupied area near Goradiz village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
63.	25 January	04.45-05.00	Occupied area near Namirli village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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64.		At different time	Occupied area near Bash Garvand village, Agdam district, and unknown heights, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
65.	26-27 January	At different time	Occupied unknown heights, Goygol district, the area near Namirli village, Tartar district, Bash Garvand, Javahirli and Shihlar villages, Agdam district, Ashaghi Abdulrahmanli and Goradiz villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
66.	27-28 January	At different time	Unknown heights, Berd district, Armenia	The area near Garalar and Munjuglu villages, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
67.		At different time	Occupied unknown heights, Khojavand district, the area near Goradiz village, Fizuli district, Javahirli and Shihlar villages, Agdam district, Goyarkh, Namirli and Giziloba villages, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
68.	29 January	At different time	Occupied area near Ashaghi Seyidbeyli village, Fizuli district, and unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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69.	30 January	At different time	Occupied area near Ashaghi Seyidbeyli and Goradiz villages, Fizuli district, near Shurabad, Bash Garvand and Shihlar villages, Agdam district, and Chilyaburt village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
70.	31 January	At different time	The area near Berdavan village, Noyanberyan district, Armenia	Adjacent area near Kemerli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
71.		At different time	Occupied area near Shihlar, Yusifjanli and Javahirli villages, Agdam district, and unknown heights of the Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and machine gun	—